

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lidu HUANG, et al.

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For: *Methods and Apparatuses for Measuring the Refractive Index and Other Optical Properties of Liquids, Gels, and Solids*

Art Group Unit: 2877

Examiner: Kara E. GEISEL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2006, applicants elect Group I:
Claims 1 – 16 and 27 - 26.

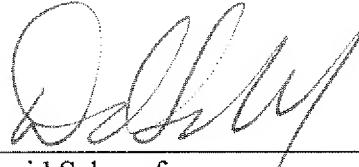
Applicant further traverses the Restriction Requirement on the basis that under MPEP § 803: “If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions.” In order for a restriction requirement to be proper, the examiner is required to show “the reasons why there would be a serious burden on the examiner if

restriction is not required.” MPEP § 808. Applicant submits that all of the claims of the present application can be searched “without serious burden.”

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